

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY.

REGION 5 77 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD CHICAGO, IL 60604-3590



REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

SR-6J

Sent Via Electronic Mail and by Certified Mail Return Receipt Requested

May 7, 2003

Mr. Reed Oslan, Esq. Kirkland & Ellis 200 East Randolph Drive Chicago, IL 60601

Re: Himco Dump, Elkhart, IN - Response to the Request for an Extension to the

Comment Period for the Proposed Plan

Dear Mr. Oslan:

By facsimile to Larry Johnson, U.S. EPA, on April 22, 2003, you requested, on behalf of Bayer a thirty day extension of time to properly investigate and prepare comments on the new Proposed Plan for Himco Dump.

Based on the long history and complexity of the matter, in support of your request, U.S. EPA agrees to extend the deadline until June 13, 2003, as requested.

As always, if you have any questions, or need additional information, please do not hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,

Gwendolyn Massenburg

Remedial Project Manager

cc: Larry Johnson, ORC

Stuart Hill, OPA Jessica Fliss, IDEM